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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for organizing skeins, comprising:
 - a piece of material; and
 - a plurality of cord locks attached to the material, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop having a smooth surface and configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable.
2. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 1 wherein the material is lap-sized.
3. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool, comprising:
 - a flexible, rollable panel; and
 - a plurality of cord locks attached to the panel, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop having a smooth surface and configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable.
4. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for carrying and storing skeins of yarn, comprising:
 - a flexible, rollable panel having an inside surface;
 - a plurality of support members adjustably dimensioned

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to receive skeins of yarn, each support member attached to the inside surface of the panel, wherein each support member comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop having a smooth surface and configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable;

a compact state wherein the flexible panel is rolled;
and

a pair of end straps attached to panel, wherein in the compact state, the end straps encircle the panel and releaseably secure the panel.

5. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 4 wherein the support members are cord locks.

6. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 4 wherein the inside surface is black.

7. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 4 wherein the flexible panel comprises a cloth material.

8. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 4 further comprising a pocket attached to the inside surface of the panel.

9. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 8 wherein the pocket is dimensioned to receive scissors.

10. (Currently Amended) The yarn organizer tool of claim 8

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wherein the pocket is releaseably secured to the inside surface of the panel by a fastener.

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11. (Currently Amended) A method of storing skeins, comprising the steps of:

providing a yarn organizer having a flexible panel and a plurality of cord locks thereon, wherein each cord lock includes a loop having a smooth surface and an adjustable fastener for varying the size of the loop;

threading the skeins through the loop of the cord lock; and

adjusting the fastener to securely retain the skeins in the loop while allowing retrieval of individual skeins.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of rolling the yarn organizer into a compact state.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein in the compact state, the rolled panel is encircled by end straps.

14. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for carrying and storing skeins of yarn, comprising:

a flexible, rollable panel having an inside surface;

a plurality of support members adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, each support member attached to the inside surface of the panel, wherein each support member comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop has a smooth surface and is configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is

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not adjustable; and

a compact state wherein the flexible panel is rolled.

15. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for carrying and storing skeins of yarn, comprising:

a flexible, rollable panel having an inside surface;

a plurality of cord locks adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, the cord locks attached to the inside surface of the panel in a spaced apart relationship, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop has a smooth surface and is configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable; and

a compact state wherein the flexible panel is rolled.

16. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for holding skeins of yarn, comprising:

a plurality of cord locks fastened together wherein each cord lock is adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop has a smooth surface and is configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size to increase or decrease the diameter of the loop and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable; and

a handle attached to at least one of the plurality of cord locks.

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17. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for holding skeins of yarn, comprising:

a plurality of support members adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, the support members fastened together, wherein each support member comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop has a smooth surface and is configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size to increase or decrease the diameter of the loop and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable; and

a handle attached to at least one of the plurality of support members.

18. (Currently Amended) A yarn organizer tool for carrying and storing skeins of yarn, comprising:

a panel having an inside surface; and

a plurality of cord locks adjustably dimensioned to receive skeins of yarn, the cord locks attached to the inside surface of the panel in a spaced apart relationship, wherein each cord lock comprises an adjustable loop and a locking mechanism, the loop has a smooth surface and is configured to receive skeins therethrough, the locking mechanism having a lock position and a release position, wherein in the release position, the loop can be adjusted in size and wherein in the lock position, the loop is not adjustable.

19. (Original) The yarn organizer tool of claim 18 wherein the panel is a notebook page.

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Amendment to the Drawings:

The drawings are object to because Figures 2 and 4 are photographs and Figure 1 includes an identification arrow on the right side of the figure without an item number. Figure 1 has been amended to delete the identification arrow. A replacement sheet is attached.

During a telephone conversation on July 21, 2003, Examiner Picket stated that Figures 2 and 4 are acceptable for examination purposes and that replacement drawings can be filed at the close of prosecution on the merits. Applicant will replace the informal drawings with formal drawings upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.